

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A placemat, comprising:

a major portion sized to completely underlie a place setting; and

a coaster extension projecting from a peripheral edge of the major portion and sized to completely underlie a beverage container.

2. The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the size of the major portion is not substantially larger than necessary to completely underlie a place setting.

3. The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the coaster extension is integrally formed with the major portion.

4. The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein a shape of the coaster extension is consistent with a theme conveyed by a shape of the major portion.

1 5. The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein any  
2 graphic content on the coaster extension is consistent with  
3 a theme conveyed by graphic content on the major portion.